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Four generations of high steppers limber up for the third annual UJA–ISF walkathon on May 28. Mrs. Rebecca Persiko, 80, sets the pace for son Bernard, (fourth from left); her three grandchildren, Lorne, Robert and Nancy Persiko, and great-grandson from Hamilton, Ricky Netkin (right).

10,000 persons are expected to participate in walkathon

By MAURICE LUCOW
TORONTO –

The Big Walk starts Sunday, May 28, at 8.30 a.m.!

That's when the third annual United Jewish Appeal-Israel Special Fund walkathon gets underway, with close to 10,000 people of all ages expected to participate.

The 22-mile walk starts at Lawrence Plaza, corner of Lawrence and Bathurst, and winds up at the North YM-YWHA on Bathurst above Sheppard. En route there are eight checkpoints at which walkers will have their "passports" validated to indicate the number of miles they have walked. The passport is a detachable part of the sponsor sheet and all walkers should carry it because this is the proof they need to collect money from their sponsors.

Close to 200 volunteers will be on hand throughout the day – stationed at all checkpoints – to make certain there is a minimum of confusion and to keep a watchful eye on the walkers. Special official cars, some equipped with two-way radio, will patrol the route to handle any emergencies which may arise.

The Metro police department is co-operating and will station officers at strategic places to protect walkers from traffic. The St. John Ambulance and medical men will be on hand to provide first aid at each checkpoint.

Walkathon Central headquarters will be located at the north YM-YWHA and a special telephone service will be set up there to handle queries. The number is 636-1880.

While walkers will be supplied with cold drinks, candies, apples and oranges at checkpoints, it may not be possible to feed everybody because no accurate count is available as to the number of participants, and supplies could run out. Walkathon officials advise, therefore, that walkers carry enough money to buy food en route, and for bus fare home.

Parents and friends who may want to visit walkers along the route can do so but the Walkathon chairmen state that this could cause serious traffic congestion and that "it will be difficult to find people because the crowds of walkers will be so large." They suggest it may be easier to make contact at the checkpoints and that such meetings be pre-arranged.

How do you estimate the time walkers will hit certain checkpoints? It's almost impossible to do so unless walkers can figure out the speed at which they walk. Last year, walkers averaged about seven to eight hours for the 22-mile route, or about three miles per hour.

Checkpoints will be located as follows:

No. 1 – Beth Sholom Synagogue, 1445 Eglinton Ave. W. – 4 miles from starting point

No 2 – Wells Hill Park – St. Clair just west of Bathurst – 6.5 miles

No. 3 – South Y, 750 Spadina Ave. – 8.5 miles

No. 4 – City Hall, Bay and Queen – 10.5 miles

No. 5 – Queen's Park, north end – 12.5 miles

No. 6 – Dupont Park, Dupont and Avenue Rd. – 13.5 miles

No. 7 – Eglinton Park, Oriole Pkwy. and Eglinton W. (southeast side) – 16 miles

No. 8 – Temple Sinai, 210 Wilson Ave. W. – 19 miles

No. 9 – North Y. 4588 Bathurst – 22 miles.

Prime Minister Golda Meir in Temple Chorale in Bucharest, one of the highlights of her Rumanian visit. At the podium is Rumanian Chief Rabbi Moshe Rosen. The visit strengthened the countries' ties. (Israel Sun).

Female hijacker wants to convert to Judaism

By ZEEV SCHIFF

TEL AVIV –

Therese "Tirza" Halaseh, the girl terrorist wounded in the Israeli recapture of the hijacked Sabena airliner, says she wants to convert to Judaism.

"Now that I have been given Jewish blood (from transfusions), I want to become Jewish. I have always liked Jews. . . . Even in the Fatah they said I was partial to the Jews," Therese told the Central Command officer Aluf Rehavam Ze'vi, who visited her and the other wounded passengers at the Sheba Hospital.

(The first reactions from the rabbinate indicated the conversion would be difficult, if not impossible.)

Therese was sitting up in her bed when the general and his party came in, "to see how she was doing". Her left arm was bandaged (a bullet had entered her armpit and torn a major artery). A plastic surgeon had been called in to stitch another wound under her left eye – "So you'll remain pretty," Aluf Ze'evi commented.

The 18 year old girl – who literally held the lives of 100 people in her hands for nearly 24 hours – smiled pleasantly.

Therese Halaseh wants to convert to Judaism. (IPPA)

Therese talked freely in excellent Hebrew her memory failing her only when the conversation touched "unpleasant" points. She said she was born in Rama, a village in the Galilee, the fourth daughter of Greek Orthodox parents. Her family now lives in Acre, where her father works at the Nautical College.

She said she crossed the border into Lebanon last November with another girl and a male friend. They lived in the apartment of a man called Abu Jaber, near Beirut, for three months, she said.

"Then one day they told me I had to go out on a job,"

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Honor aircrew of hijacked plane

JERUSALEM (JCNS) –

"We love you," proclaimed a beaming Mrs. Meir, bestowing a kiss on Capt. Reginald Levy, the pilot of the hijacked Sabena Boeing, at a festive dinner given by the Israeli Government to the air-craft's crew.

Among the members of the government present were Foreign Minister Abba Eban, Defence Minister Moshe Dayan, Transport Minister Shimon Peres, and the Chief of Staff, Lieut. General David Elazar.

"You are taking with you Israel's love and esteem and all our love for you and your crew," added Mrs. Meir.

Capt. Levy was presented with a commemorative air-force album by Major-General Mordecai Hod, commander of Israel's airforce. Dayan, who personally conducted operations after the plane's seizure, gave Capt. Levy an ancient spear and pottery for his role in helping to capture the hijackers.

Meanwhile, a senior member of the Israel Government has denied that the International Red Cross acted in collusion with Israel in the incident.

Dayan disclosed that the first thing the Red Cross representatives demanded when they arrived at the airport was that Israel pull back the troops surrounding the hijacked jet. "I refused," Dayan said. "When they said they could not function like that I told them: Listen, inside the plane there are terrorists with explosives, grenades and pistols and you are asking us to withdraw the Army as if this were a medical supply plane. That is impossible."

Soviets arrest leading activists

TORONTO –

Five leading Jewish activists in Moscow have been arrested and sentenced to 10 days administrative detention for refusing to sign documents saying they would not demonstrate during President Nixon's visit.

This information was given to the Toronto Student Council for Soviet Jews by Leonard Tsipin, a 19-year-old Moscow activist, who had been arrested three days earlier for communicating with foreign correspondents.

Russian authorities cut off all telephone calls to other Jewish leaders. Tsipin said his telephone was overlooked by the authorities and he believed he would be arrested shortly.

Communal workers convene in Montreal

MONTREAL –

More than 650 delegates from all corners of the United States and Canada arrive in Montreal this month to participate in the 74th annual meeting of the National Conference of Jewish Communal Service at the Queen Elizabeth Hotel.

Called for May 28, the four-day conference is the first ever held in Canada for the North American association – an umbrella organization representing 10 national agencies and 2,000 workers in the field.

The conference will analyze the challenges faced by the communal worker as well as the impact of his role in influencing social change.

The association represents agencies and practitioners in the fields of care for the aged, community organizations, family service, Jewish education, refugee service, and vocational service.

Study of Toronto Jews

1 in 12 Tay-Sachs carriers

By HOWARD ENGLISH
Queen's Park Correspondent

TORONTO –

One out of every 12 Jews in Metropolitan Toronto is a carrier of Tay-Sachs disease, according to tests conducted on 2,500 people by Dr. Alex Lowden, a Toronto researcher.

"We've found a greater proportion of Tay-Sachs carriers in the Toronto area than anywhere else in North America", Dr. Lowden told The Canadian Jewish News.

New York's carrier incidence has been estimated at one in thirty. Mass Tay-Sachs screening throughout Baltimore has produced a ratio of one in 22.

Large concentrations of relatives within Metro Toronto who emigrated from one European town or village have contributed to Metro's abnormally high carrier rate. Tay-Sachs disease, which almost totally cripples children before killing them about five years after birth, is transmitted through genes. Its incidence has increased as family members, such as cousins, married each other.

Dr. Lowden's Tay-Sachs screening results also show that oral contraceptives affect the activity of a vital enzyme (hexosaminidase-A), which is absent from Tay-Sachs children. In Tay-Sachs carriers, the activity of hexosaminidase-A is much less than that of similar enzymes. Many women taking the pill appear to be Tay-Sachs carriers, when actually they are not, because oral contraceptive hormones heighten the activity of other enzymes so that hexosaminidase-A seems dangerously inactive.

Dr. Lowden has discovered that reactions to screening vary according to the type of oral contraceptive, and the time of a woman's menstrual cycle. Although no conclusive findings have been reached, Dr. Lowden is certain that "taking the pill has done something".

Of 84 Jewish women on the pill who registered as carriers, 50 showed false positive results.

Dr. Lowden stressed that oral contraceptives cannot create carriers, since Tay-Sachs disease depends strictly on hereditary factors.

Six task forces probe Jewish education in $75,000 investigation

By JUDY PLATT
TORONTO –

"Task force" is becoming a household word in the Jewish community and the problems of Jewish education are making dinner-table conversation.

It all began when the United Jewish Welfare Fund was faced with several questions regarding its million-dollar annual investment in Jewish education. Why are only some schools supported? Why the general malaise about the schools' effectiveness? What can we do to improve the situation?

So now there are about 100 laymen (including a dozen youths) investigating Jewish education in Toronto. They're divided into six task forces – financing; teacher recruitment, training and welfare; Board of Jewish Education; day schools; day high schools and evening schools – which hold "hearings" every couple of weeks to discuss the briefs and personal representations of students, parents, lay leaders, teachers, and principals.

By the end of the month, a volunteer corps of women will have been trained to survey a cross-section of 1,000 Jewish families. Alumni of Jewish high schools are completing a detailed questionnaire. And general community involvement is encouraged by holding open hearings and advertising for public submissions on any aspect of the study.

This is the "input" state. There is also an umbrella study committee which will have to make sense out of the task force reports, the surveys, and the submissions. Their final recommendations are not expected to be ready until the fall of '73.

All this activity is part of an ambitious do-it-yourself study of Jewish education in Toronto. Says Rabbi Irwin Witty, director of the Board of Jewish Education, "To the best of our knowledge, it's a pioneering lay effort in Jewish education on the continent."

Study Committee Chairman J. Sydney Midanik explains that instead of parachuting in a team of experts, the Welfare Fund chose to utilize the community's own lay people (with professional help where needed) to do a self-examination.

"We felt we knew the community better than people from the outside," says Midanik, "and also there's more of a chance of getting public acceptance of recommendations we make ourselves."

It also saves money. Though it's still not cheap; $75,000 is estimated for the two-year study.

A professional brain-trust has been assembled to assist the do-it-yourselfers. The project is directed full-time by sociologist Jacob Glickman; Mrs. Shoshana Kurtz is research associate. Helping guide the community survey (In-and Out-Reach) is Dr. B. A. Griffith, formerly University of Toronto professor of computer science. Volunteer consultants include Dr. Calvin Gottlieb, director of computer science, and Dr. Albert Rose, dean of social work – both of U of T.

There are two main goals. First in Midanik's order of priorities is the "quality of education." Not just the content being taught, he emphasizes, but the commitment being learned.

The other aim is a rationalization of the financing of Jewish education, a problem of crisis proportions facing the Jewish community. Midanik is under no illusions that it can be solved, but likens it to politics as "the art of the possible." He feels educational planning has to learn to make the most of the limited resources available.

Midanik needs all his powers of persuasion (which fortunately he has – he combines superbly an empathetic heart with a lawyer's head) to steer a positive course between the apathy of many laymen and the cynicism of many principals. At a briefing for principals, for example, he was met with comments like "I can never understand how surveys help Jewish education" and "I can write in advance the findings of your committee."

But Midanik is optimistic that the study will prove a catalyst for change. He's a firm believer that laymen have to "prod and poke" because in his experience (he's been chairman of the Toronto and Metro Boards of Education and a long-time member of the Board of Jewish Education), he has found that the administrators are usually the "stand-patters."

At the moment, Midanik admits, "I'm not sure we have found a way to harness the knowledge of the principals. It's a laymen's task force."

And the principals seem frustrated at simply handing in pieces of paper and answering questions. "The survey will be a buffer between the community and the educators," complains one.

Organizations and People

200 women converge at international convention

By MIRIAM HERMAN

TORONTO –

More than 200 women, some from as far away as India, Hong Kong and South Africa are converging on Toronto this week for the ninth triennial convention of the International Council of Jewish Women.

This is the first time the triennial convention is being held in Canada and convention chairman Mrs. Morris Vigoda and her committee are going all out to make it a memorable one – a fitting tribute to the Toronto section's 75th anniversary.

In addition to the regular business of the conference and the in-depth programming coordinated by Mrs. Harold Lorie, the delegates, including early arrivals are being wined and dined Toronto-style – receptions hosted by Ontario Lieutenant-Governor Ross Macdonald, Israeli Consul General Col. Jacob Monbaz and Mrs. Monbaz, and the Canadian Jewish Congress; Friday night dinner with local members and their families: and a bus-tour to Niagara Falls (a must for overseas visitors!).

The theme – "He Who Gives to His Own Generation Gives to All Generations" – significant of the work of the organization, is chosen from the works of the Hebrew poet, Chaim Bialik.

Official convention dates are Sunday, May 28 to Wednesday, May 31. Dr. Reva Gerstein, noted psychologist and former president of the National Council of Jewish Women of Canada, will deliver the keynote address at the inaugural session Sunday evening at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education.

Beginning Monday morning all sessions take place at the Council House on Bathurst St.

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Dayan

Dayan said the IRC representatives contacted Geneva. Afterwards they asked him not to employ force as long as the IRC was operating in the area. "To this I again refused," the Defense Minister said. "I gave a clear-cut negative reply. I added that we were aware of the extent of the danger to the passengers should we operate inside the aircraft and that unless it became essential we would not use force. But if a situation arose where it was considered absolutely essential we would use force even if you Red Cross people were inside the plane, even if my daughter, my children, were inside," Dayan said he told the IRC men.

New education director for Beth Tzedec

TORONTO –

The board of governors of Beth Tzedec has appointed Albert Freireich of Dallas, Texas, as synagogue director of youth and education.

A native of New York City, Freireich, 41, has been educational director at Congregation Shearith Israel in Dallas for nine years.

Contacted by telephone, Freireich told The CJN he was reading the minutes of the Principals Council of the Board of Jewish Education when the call came through.

He, his wife and three children, aged 15, 13 and 11, will be coming to Toronto July 1.

Prior to his Texas position, Freireich was at Beth Jeudah Congregation in Atlantic City for five years and for three years as an instructor in the department of education and psychology at the University of Minnesota.

Frereich succeeds Rabbi Ben Hollander whose contract was not renewed.

Hijacking

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she said. "They didn't say where. The other girl (Rima Issa) I had met before, but not the two men. The commander was called Yussuf, and the other man – from Hebron – was Zacharia."

"Were you searched?"

"No. We had all the weapons concealed in travelling bags and in special girdles. From Rome we flew to Frankfurt, again by Lufthansa. We had the weapons on us all the time. Then we went to Belgium."

Therese said she was travelling under the name Miriam Hasson. But she claimed she didn't know what kind of passport she was using – Zacharia kept it all the time. (An Israeli passport issued to Miriam Hasson, a 25 year old sociologist from Ramat Gan, was stolen in London six years ago.)

"They searched us a little and we boarded the (Sabena) plane. Three of us sat together, and Yussuf sat behind us. After Vienna, we went into action. First Zacharia entered the pilot's cabin. Then Yussuf got up and we girls followed.

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what's new...

by Miriam Herman

MONTREAL ON PARADE

More than 1,000 marchers turned out for Montreal's second annual Salute to Israel Parade which was followed by a rally of 2,000 people at the University Sports Centre in celebration of the 24th anniversary of Israel's independence.

EZRA AND KADIMA CONCERT

Be sure to attend this year's Ezra and Kadima Concert on Wednesday, May 31, at 8:15 p.m. at Adath Israel Synagogue, Southbourne Ave. It supports the Ezra and Kadima community school (a project of Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Congregation), the only institution in Toronto providing a religious education for Jewish retarded children. On the concert program; the Four Ayalons, Israeli musical comedy team; The "K" cantors and choirs (Kelen, Kirshblum, Klein); soprano Gabriella Kelen; and the Bialik Hebrew Day School Choir.

CHAMPAGNE AND THE ARTS

The Collectables II, Temple Sinai Sisterhood's art show and sale, opens with a champagne party on Tuesday, May 30 from 7-11 p.m. and continues on Wednesday from 2-5 p.m. and 7-11 p.m. You may even be the lucky winner of one or both of the door prizes - a bronze sculpture by Barrie Shaw-Rimmington of the Shaw-Rimmington Gallery and a painting by Canadian artist Charles Greenwood.

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CONFERENCE ON YIDDISH

Delegates from all Jewish organizations, educational institutions and cultural groups in Ontario are invited to attend a regional conference on Yiddish being convened by the Committee for Yiddish, Central Region, Canadian Jewish Congress, on Sunday, June 4, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Associated Hebrew Schools, Bathurst St. Reports on the committee's activities of the past three years - Yiddish festivals, film night, drama group, classes for students and adults - are on the agenda as well as a discussion of future plans. Guest speakers will be Professor Jacob Lightman, national director of the Committee on Yiddish; Label Tencer, lecturer in Yiddish language at McGill University; and Dov Noy, professor of folk lore at Jerusalem's Hebrew University.

ISRAEL TRADE FAIR

Over 4,000 Montrealers attended the recent four-day second annual Israel Trade Fair at the Shaare Zedek Synagogue where Israeli food products, books, cosmetics, giftware, carpets, and fashions were put on display for sale. The festival, sponsored jointly by the Zionist Organization of Canada and the Federated Zionist Organization of Canada (Israel Aliyah Centre) added a special feature this year called "Aliyah Expo" where "everything you ever wanted to know about Aliyah" was explained.

TAY-SACHS CLINIC

If you have not yet been tested for Tay-Sachs - the next detection clinic is on Sunday, May 28, at New Mount Sinai Hospital from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Survival tips for UJA walkathon

TORONTO -

Here are a few tips for walkers participating in the 1972 UJA-ISF walkathon on May 28.

1. If the weather looks doubtful, listen for 7 a.m. and 8 a.m. newscasts on CFRB, CHIN, CHUM, CKEY, and at 7.30 a.m. on CFTR. These radio stations have promised to carry information on the walk.

2. Obey all traffic regulations and police instructions.

3. Don't overdress. If it's a sunny day, wear a hat and use sun tan lotion.

4. Heavy wool socks and sturdy comfortable shoes are advised. Take extra socks and extra shoes, if possible.

5. Carry enough money for bus fare, phone calls (have correct change) and food.

6. Do not accept rides from anyone whose car is not marked "official."

7. While resting, don't sit too long as you will stiffen quickly if you're not a seasoned walker.

8. **Above all** - when you have had it - quit! This is **not** a race nor an endurance test. Walk as far as you can - because whatever you raise will be a help to Soviet Jewry. If you decide not to finish, try to leave at a checkpoint so your passport will be validated right up to the point at which you quit.

9. **Please** - don't be a litterbug. Litter baskets will be located at all checkpoints. Deposit litter there - **not** along the route.

Beth Sholom honors the people of Sweden

By GARY LAFORET

TORONTO -

Beth Sholom Brotherhood's 22nd annual humanitarian award has been presented to the people of Sweden for their part in rescuing 7,500 Jews trapped in occupied Denmark during World War II.

Brotherhood president Donald Latchman presented Ake Malmaeus, Swedish ambassador to Canada, with the award last Tuesday, "for the courage, gallantry and nobility of your great people - the people of Sweden - in giving sanctuary to Danish Jews during World War II."

In a speech following the presentation, Malmaeus outlined Sweden's role in the rescue operations which, he said, took place "right under the eyes of the Gestapo."

In August of 1943, Danish Jews were marked for extermination by the Nazis despite protests and threats of repercussions voiced by the governments of occupied Denmark and neutral Sweden.

Malmaeus told the dinner audience of 650 persons that when it became apparent what the fate of Jews in Denmark would be, the people of Sweden and Denmark organized an underground railroad and ferried Jews to safety across narrow straits separating the two countries.

Ake Malmaeus

Malmaeus said this "clandestine traffic" of refugees was responsible in one day alone for saving 1,000 lives.

Although Sweden was all but surrounded by the Nazi menace when the 1943 rescues took place, the ambassador said much of the credit should go to the people of Denmark "who at the risk of their lives, with daring and skill, carried out this escape into Sweden."

In 1963 the Beth Sholom Brotherhood rewarded the Danes with their 13th annual humanitarian award for their part in the evacuations.

Among those present at the award dinner were Ontario Lieutenant - Governor W. Ross Macdonald, Executive Alderman David Rotenberg, York Mayor Phil White and Abraham Lieff, Ontario Supreme court justice.

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During a recent visit to Israel **Joseph and Faye Tanenbaum** took time off to visit the Lubavitch vocational schools at Kfar Chabad. They are seen here discussing copy with the director of the schools' printing department. The Tanenbaums return to Toronto this Sunday in time for the Chassidic Song Festival on June 5 - he is the chairman.

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Being president of a synagogue can be a 24-hour-a-day job! But **Samuel Druker**, newly elected president of Montreal's Tiffereth Beth David Jerusalem, still finds time for other community endeavors. He is national vice-president of the Zionist Organization of Canada and as a chartered accountant he puts his talents to good use as treasurer of both the De Sola Club of Montreal and Beamish House Inc., the home for patients awaiting kidney transplants.

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It's a double-header for **Israel and Miriam Lieff!** This Sunday's reception at Shaar Hashomayim is in honor of their golden wedding anniversary and their 30 year association with the Montreal synagogue. Educators together - he as a member of the Hebrew School faculty and she as a teacher in the congregational school - they have been involved in many areas of congregational concern.

Heinz Warschauer is bringing more than 25 years experience as director of education at Holy Blossom Temple to his new position on the national Joint Commission on Israel of Reform Judaism. The commission, a joint body of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and the Central Conference of American Rabbis, serves as the program and activity coordinator of Reform Judaism in Israel.

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Thursday was installation day for **Sylvia Shanker**. That was when she became president of Toronto's Federation of Jewish Women's Organizations. Of course, being installed is nothing new to her - she headed Temple Sinai's sisterhood a few years back and has held many elected positions in community organizations ever since. Incidentally, the guest speaker at the Federation's annual meeting was a former president, **Ethyle Levine**, who stepped into office as president of the Baycrest Centre Women's Auxiliary last week.

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A veteran Israeli air force commander is the new director in Canada and the U.S. of the Israel Aliyah Centre of the World Zionist Organization. **Col. Yerocham Amitai**, also a member of the Israeli Bar, will be moving to New York with his wife and two young sons to head the 14 regional offices which include Montreal and Toronto.

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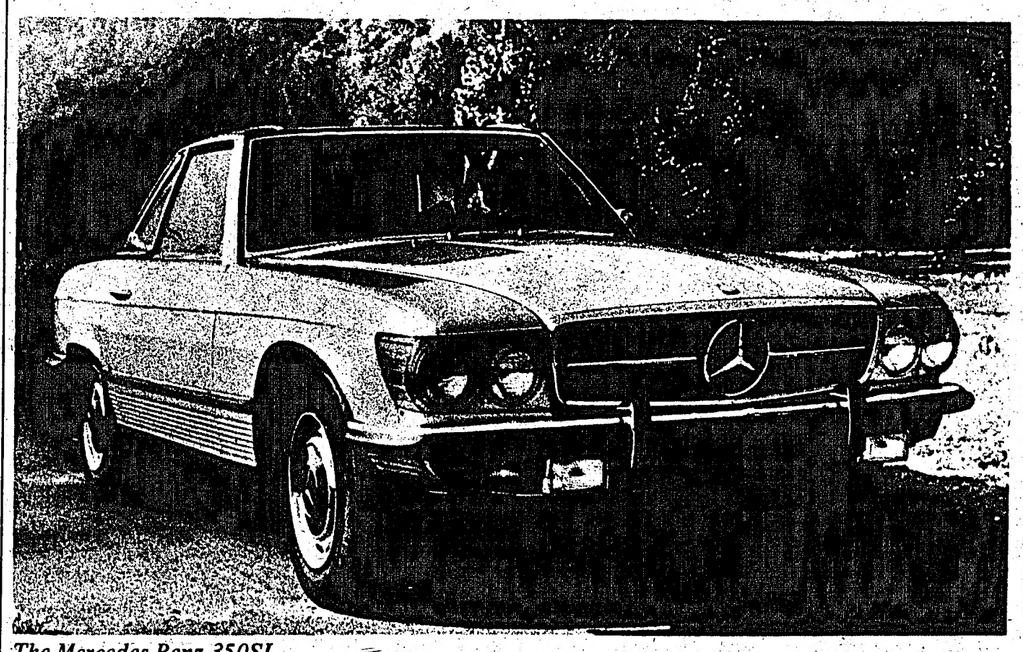

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Observer's editorial freedom is not the question at issue

The Toronto Star badly missed the point in its editorial of May 20 when it found "disturbing implications about the mild reprimand which the Bay of Quinte conference of United Church ministers and laymen has administered to Dr. A. C. Forrest, the editor of **The United Church Observer.**"

What **The Star** found disturbing is the assumption that this constitutes an effort to limit Forrest's editorial freedom or to compel **The Observer's** editor to tone down his writings on the Middle East in order to avoid controversy and the risk of giving offence to the Jewish community.

The Canadian Jewish News agrees that "it is not necessary to agree with Dr. Forrest's views on Middle Eastern affairs to defend his right to express them." However, what a growing number of people have been objecting to is the strong suspicion that **The Observer** is going well beyond a description of Middle East events and indulging a more basic, underlying hostility to Jews in general.

More importantly, this same suspicion has taken possession of not only Jewish leaders, but a growing number of prominent Christians as well. Among them are Dr. Franklin Littel, Professor of religion at Temple University, Father Gregory Baum, internationally respected Catholic theologian, and Dr. Roy Eckardt, professor of religion at Lehigh University. Rev. Donald Keating, a member of Forrest's own church, felt compelled to resign his ministry in protest against what he sensed lay concealed in one of Forrest's editorials.

What may be confusing **The Star** is Forrest's persistent claim that his major interest is the unhappy fate of Arab refugees following the Israel-Arab wars in 1948 and 1967. However, there was something about Forrest's sudden involvement in the Arab cause in 1967 that raised serious questions which have never been satisfactorily answered. Forrest has, for example, shrugged off his lack of concern for Jewish refugees in Arab lands and ignored the vicious indignities imposed on Jews in Syria. The genocide of Southern Sudanese by the Arab masters in Khartoum has scarcely attracted his notice.

In addition, he has foisted the whole responsibility for the creation of the Arab refugee problem on the Jewish people. He has chosen to ignore the complexities of the historical situation confronting both Jews and Arabs and produced a simplistic, one-sided version of recent Middle East history.

What was even more disturbing to those who were knowledgable on the Middle East was Forrest's claim, repeated in various guises, that the Israelis were callously indifferent to the human problem of the Arab refugees. He insinuated that Jews, having suffered themselves in Nazi concentration camps, were unconcerned about the human decay of people trapped in refugee camps.

The Observer editor chose to ignore the deep concern expressed by Israel's leaders for the just treatment of Arabs and their recognition that they also have historic claims to the same territory. Instead, Forrest implied that a Zionist conspiracy prevented the world from realizing the Arab's plight. He went on to suggest that Israel was a racist state, contemptuous of Arabs, discriminating not only against its own Arab citizens but against Oriental Jews as well.

As one reads **The United Church Observer** consistently, a pattern begins to show. The magazine implies that Jews are exploiting the tragedy of the Holocaust by playing on the sympathy of the Christian world. As a result, Israel, according to **The Observer,** is free to impose its tyranny on the Arab world.

The Observer's version of Israel's administration of the West Bank ignores the restraint and humanity Israel has exercised and seeks to portray Dayan and his staff as crude colonial brutes.

Forrest has also sought to relieve Christians of any guilt for the Holocaust. In spite of the well-documented "polite anti-Semitism" which infected the German church, Forrest has served as its apologist.

The final affront was the publication in **The Observer** of an article by Rev. John Booth. The quality of the article is best described by pointing out that it was substantially the same as that which appeared in **The Cross and the Flag,** a professional hate-journal edited by the Rev. Gerald L. K. Smith.

Sadly, Booth's article parallels Forrest's own comments over the years. Forrest, both in the pages of **The Observer** and in television and press interviews, has consistently claimed that the Zionist movement is engaged in pressure tactics aimed at silencing all criticism of Israel in Canada's mass media.

In summary, it is not **The Observer's** advocacy of the Arab cause that has aroused concern, but the underlying hostility to Jews that appears to accompany it. Fortunately, despite **The Star,** it appears that United Church leaders have finally come to the same realization.

SOL I. LITTMAN

Fate of Soviet Jewry may hinge on president's plea to Moscow

President Richard Nixon's visit to Moscow, the first for a U.S. President, may well result in the beginning of a new and significant relationship between the two super powers. Arms limitation, Vietnam, trade, the Middle East and a host of other issues are on the agenda.

The freeing of Russian Jews from all departure restraints does not loom high on the scale of priorities, but world Jewry awaits evidence that President Nixon carried out his pledge that he would intercede with the Russian leadership on behalf of those Soviet Jews who desire to emigrate. It is an extremely sensitive area, and Mr. Nixon is well aware that in broaching this subject, he is treading on thin ice. The emigration of nationals is an internal matter and visiting statesmen are most reluctant to make representations in such circumstances.

But President Nixon took with him to Moscow a clear commitment on behalf of not only American Jewry, but non-Jews as well, to take up with the Kremlin the plight of Jews whose only crime is a wish to start a new life in Israel. By the time these words appear in print, the president may have made a statement telling of the Soviet's reaction to his thinking on this subject.

Russia has not been indifferent to the international pressure exerted on behalf of its Jews. Proof of this is seen in the unprecedented volume of Russian Jewry arriving in Israel. But there are many thousands who have been harassed for daring to apply for permission to leave. They have suffered loss of jobs, imprisonment and loss of citizenship rights. One of the scandalous methods of intimidation is to confine Jewish activists in mental institutions.

There are political reasons why President Nixon wants to be able to report back to the American people that his intervention has been successful. His re-election to the presidency is not a sure bet, though all signs point to it, and nothing would help him more to another term at the White House than a favorable outcome to his plea that Jews be allowed to emigrate and that persecution of those remaining cease.

A member of the colorful camel corps is ready for action. The unit has a magnificent record of accomplishment in the Israel Defence Force. (IPPA photo)

Camel is all-important in famous desert patrol Sinai

TEL AVIV (IPPA) -

After the Six Day War, a new unit was founded in the Israel Defence Forces. The unit is a camel patrol whose members are Israelis and Bedouins from the Negev and Sinai. Although this is not the first unit consisting of members of the minorities, it is one joined by its Bedouin men directly as a result of their tribal tradition. The unit grew from a nucleus of 14 men who formed it following the Six Day War. It has since made fantastic achievements, its men active along the borders mostly by foot or camel.

It has directly captured dozens of infiltrators, and indirectly, hundreds more. The main task of the unit is to prevent enemy action in the Negev and Sinai Desert region. They are also active in security operations against espionage and smuggling. The unit is especially active against hashish smugglers.

The great advantage of the unit is that when patrolling the Sinai desert, there is little chance of being hit by mines. The unit can also bypass obstacles that would be impossible for any vehicle and because they are travelling by camel, the unit does have the advantage of surprise.

The Bedouins who serve in this unit are volunteers and not exactly recruited as soldiers but they serve as civilian workers who work for the Israel Defence Forces and have special permission to wear military uniforms.

In order to be fully acquainted with the Bedouin customs, it is the commander's duty to familiarize himself with the relations between the various tribes. One Bedouin will never take orders from another. If they are from rival tribes, however, such problems do not reduce the operational efficiency of the Bedouin soldier. A master of his weapon, he fulfills his mission meticulously and conclusively. His natural sharp senses are a predominant factor in the success story of his unit as a whole. He will not give up his right to take part in a pursuit. All the Jewish soldiers agree that professionally, the Bedouin soldier is one of the finest in the army. He can make miracles come true.

ask the rabbi

Is offering a necessity after a call to the Torah?

1. Regarding the offering of a matana (literally, gift) made by a person called to the Reading of the Law, does this imply a specified amount or is it merely a token sum? Does it in fact oblige a person to contribute anything at all?

RESPONSE:

There are two separate considerations. The older form used in the prayer when a donation of this kind was made was baavur shenadar ("because he promises" to give....) The amount promised was stated. (Hence our word shnoderring). A promise of this nature is strictly binding. In order to avoid the taking of a definite vow (on which the rabbis tended to frown in case the promise is not kept) the substitute formula baavur sheyitten ("because he will give") was introduced. Since there is no definite promise but only a statement of intent, this does not have the force of a vow even if the amount to be given is mentioned. However the statment of an intention in public is the statement of an intention in public is the statement of an intention in public is certainly morally binding.

As for the avoidance of mentioning any amount, this is for a different reason, namely, in order to avoid ostentatious giving or in order that others should not be aware of the amount one intends to give. Because of the difficulties and embarrassments involved in the whole procedure a number of congregations, nowadays, have abolished entirely the statement of intention to give when a man is called to the Torah. There is nothing to prevent people giving donations to the synagogue or to charity without it being announced publicly that they intend so to do.

2. Why is a part-time chazan allowed to officiate for pay on the High Holy-days, seeing that work is not allowed on these days?

RESPONSE:

"Work" is not involved, since the chazan does not do any work forbidden on the Sabbath. There is, however, a rabbinic rule against accepting wages for being employed on the Sabbath even where no forbidden work is done - for example, a watchman hired to keep an eye on things over the Sabbath. This is known as sechar shabbat ("wages for the Sabbath"). It can be argued that this rabbinic prohibition is relaxed where a mitzva is performed.

Should the Nixon intervention be successful, Israel will face even greater strains in absorbing the flood of new arrivals from the Soviet Union. Already there is mounting evidence of trouble stemming from lack of housing and the problems of adjustment to a new land and a strange environment. Native Israelis are bitter about what they believe is rank discrimination in favor of the newcomers and unless this trend is halted, it bodes ill for national unity. An even larger flow of Russian emigrants will impose further strains on an economy ill prepared to cope with them.

The United States has voted a substantial sum for the settlement of Russian Jewry and no doubt financial aid from the World Bank and other sources will be forthcoming. But it will be up to the Diaspora Jews to bear the brunt of the huge cost, just as it has been their responsibility so often in the quarter century of Israel's modern existence. What has happened in Russia has given Jewish survival new meaning and fresh urgency. Today, more than ever before, we must shoulder the burden which all thinking Jews have made their own: that of placing human values above all material considerations.

Girl soldiers make Sinai base bloom

By TAMAR AVIDAR
(Ma'ariv)

We made ourselves a promise which we cannot keep - that on our return from a brief trip to an Israeli army base in Sinai we would not write one single word. After all, what could we say which had not been said before? Rivers of ink and oceans of words have already been devoted to the subject of our daring and courageous, sweet and stinging soldiers. Every average newspaper reader knows the structure of their strongholds as well as he knows his own flat.

So what can one write about and rave about in the newspapers - if everything is open, known and commonplace?

Well, imagine a mess hall built in the very heart of the desert. A place reached after a bumpy journey by plane and jeep. In the mess hall, girl soldiers from various units sit at the tables ready to start a meeting of all the girls in the brigade, to be followed by a festive dinner.

I was told in advance that this would be a "festive dinner" - but I had no idea how festive!

Even the girls seemed surprised at the sight which greeted them. In the dining room, everything was arranged according to the books - except for white paper napkins which took the place of the traditional white linen ones. Special bowls contained flower arrangements - roses brought from a nearby moshav. These were not simple flower arrangements, but the kind of thing you see in magazines, long candles included.

Heavenly rolls, which melted in the mouth, were set in baskets. Where did they come from? We were told that rolls could be baked in the desert, too. "What won't we do for our girls?" smiled an officer.

The menu would put a fancy Tel Aviv restaurant to shame. Flaky meat strudel, baked tomatoes stuffed with egg, soup like only mother makes, shish-kabab, salad and cream cakes. The service was impeccable. In brief, the brigade mess hall deserves four forks. For food, for service - and most of all, for good intentions.

We realize that it is perhaps materialistic to admire the food when we can and should admire those things generally admired during our "1000 Day War". But that's how it is. Women pay attention to details.

Ostensibly we'd come to witness military maneuvers - this was the decoy used to persuade a journalist to go down to Sinai and talk to girl soldiers about love and boys. But even the deafening gun battles we'd witnessed were not enough to diminish our admiration for the tables, so beautifully set. Nor could they reduce our respect for the brigade commander who, in his one minute speech, said to the girls: "What can I tell you? You are with us - in good times and bad, in the storm and the beating sun. You are part of us. So, good appetite."

We caught ourselves looking at the girls objectively as if we were American tourists. We forgot for a moment that we, too, had lived at one time in such conditions - sand, flies, cold - and this was perhaps the most beautiful period in our life. We simply saw before us young girls, away from home and from all the things which 19-year old girls can enjoy, living in a place which in another country might have been called exile.

Druze want to be involved

By MOSBAH HALAVI
(Yedioth Aharanoth)

Technical schools and a university established exclusively for Druze students; the employment of Druze intellectuals in government bureaus, particularly in the Ministry for Foreign Affairs; the building of senior citizens' homes and the encouragement of cultural and athletic activities for the young - these are the most urgent communal needs, according to members of the Druze community urging Government consideration of the needs of the Druze segment of the population. These concerns were revealed in a questionnaire prepared by "El Druze", the organ of the Druze community.

The questionnaire further reveals that a majority of the community favors an improvement in the educational and cultural level of the girls of their community. These requests are still only in the conceptual stage. The fact is that only one of the community's girls has thus far succeeded in entering university. She is 19-year-old Siham Ismi (Nator) who is studying history and Middle Eastern studies at the University of Haifa.

Recently I met Siham, a first-year student who lives in the village of Daliat et Karmel. Siham told me that she derives great advantage and pleasure from her studies, and that she especially enjoys the sociable and free campus atmosphere. Dressed in traditional Druze costume, Siham revealed that her family has progressive ideas and that her father always wanted to give her a higher education. "Of course the religious people in my village objected at first to my studies and tried to influence my father not to let me - but he didn't give in to them." Result: two years ago Siham finished high school and passed her entrance examinations.

Opinion

'It's bad when it's bad and it's bad when it's good'

By J. B. SALSBERG

It is a sign of our tragic heritage to be ever asking whether any given action or utterance by a single Jew or a group of Jews is beneficial or harmful to the Jewish collective. It would be untrue to deny that most thoughtful Jews are not, consciously or unconsciously, asking themselves this question throughout their lives. I know that I do.

When the shocking news of the attempted assassination of Governor Wallace reached us my first reaction was the hope that the assassin not prove to be Jewish and, second, that he not be Negro. If the emotionally disturbed person who fired at the governor had been a Negro it would, unquestionably, have triggered a chain of hysterical outburts against black people in the U.S. and in the south particularly. If, on the other hand, he had been Jewish, the Jewish communities in the southern states would have experienced a collective guilt for the irrational act and U.S. Jewry would have felt called upon to demonstratively condemn the guilty one. As it happened the mentally ill young man was neither Jewish nor Negro and white, Christian America didn't feel the need to react to the outrage with any special guilt feeling.

I happen to believe that we are what the world around us contributed to the totality of our experiences through the ages, in addition to the collective ideals, values and aspirations that we acquired when we matured as a nation in ancient times. We have the same right as all other peoples to have saints as well as sinners in our ranks and the world around us has no right to expect anything else from us. But is that so? I am very much afraid that it isn't so, not even in this enlightened (?) age and every Jew feels this in his bones and hence the over-sensitivity to what an individual or group in our midst may do or say.

Why it should be so is easy enough to understand. Our history, not only in the dark ages or during the middle ages but right through modern times, is replete with indescribable experiences which formed our collective consciousness and developed our extremely sensitive national antenna. We were the scapegoat and the lightning rod altogether too often not to have been profoundly affected by it all. We were made the scapegoat for the black plague the Crusaders as we were for the corrupt Czarist regimes. The Holocaust left bleeding wounds to this day and in this year 1972 sections of the Greek church are distributing the notorious Elders of Zion fabrications to the Greek army and people.

But why did I embark on this course today? The Governor Wallace affair only triggered this line of thought about matters closer to home.

Since the end of the Second World War we have been witnessing an ascending, breathtaking explosion of Jewish involvement and prominence in every significant area of Canadian life. We have blossomed forth with dazzling color in Canadian literature, the arts, the theatre, in journalism, in research and science, in medicine, in politics and government, in teaching and, of course, in commerce and industry as well as in many new branches of wage and salary occupations. This should make us all satisfied, if not happy. But that is not the universal feeling one encounters. We, or at least I, find many people who are worried by the transformation and who wonder aloud whether it is good for Jews. . . .

A few young Jewish intellectuals embitter my life with their worries about the future. As for uncle Eliezer he frequently relates our present prominence with the past. "All this," he emphasizes, has already happened in Spain, it happened in Germany, it happened in the early years of the Russian revolution and we all know how those experiences ended; they ended badly for the Jews." I can't, of course, argue against historical facts but I try to allay his fears by reminding him that the world is different now. But he shows no inclination to buy this argument. He only says: "Different, eh?" and falls into silence.

As for the young intellectuals, they are worried about the special fields they are studying and the conclusions they arrive at if . . . I agree with them that their forebodings have a basis if . . . Can I assure them that the "if" will never happen? No, I can't. "So, what are you going to do about it?" So I plead with them not to be so pessimistic. But they, too, refuse to retreat.

How typically Jewish this dilemma is! It's bad when it is bad and it's bad when it's good. . . .

Differing visions of Judaism's future discussed by rabbis

This interesting account of an interview Rabbi Gunther Plaut had with Rabbi Menachem Porush, vice-mayor of Jerusalem, was carried in a recent issue of Holy Blossom Temple Bulletin:

By W. GUNTHER PLAUT

Some weeks ago I reported to you about a talk I had with ultra-Orthodox Rabbi Menachem Porush. He is a member of the Knesset, Vice-Mayor of Jerusalem, and came first to public attention when he delivered himself of a highly intemperate attack on Reform Judaism on the floor of the Israeli parliament. He was made to apologize, but to many of us he seemed to express precisely the kind of immovable, obstinate, and doctrinaire Orthodoxy, which in addition to its convictions also was possessed of political power. I wrote of the conversations we had in the Knesset, that they were surprisingly open, and that we parted with the understanding that they would be continued.

That opportunity came earlier than I had anticipated. The rabbi came to Toronto to help raise money for the local Camp Agudah, and while here he performed the mitzvah of visiting the sick and came to see me in my home.

We spoke for an hour and a half about the things that mattered most to us: our vision of Judaism as it might be and of our differing approaches to its future. In the short space of this column I cannot report the details of our interchange, but one concluding aspect can be briefly stated.

Rabbi Porush repeated the argument (which we had heard before from other sources, including David Ben Gurion) that any religious development in Israel should not be imported from without, but should grow indigenously from its own people.

"We do not want you to import a galut version of Judaism into our country," he said, "let your young people come here and let them practise what they want. If there are enough of them changes are bound to come. Meanwhile," he said, "you have to respect the fact that many of us have lived in Israel for many generations (Rabbi Porush himself being a seventh generation Jerusalemite), and we are not about to abandon our traditions because you say so in New York or Toronto.

I admitted that there was some worth to the argument. Reform Judaism was and is in its present form a response to Diaspora conditions. We have not as yet fully developed a Liberal response to Israeli conditions, though that will come in time. But at the same time, I argued, Orthodox Judaism was and is also a response to Diaspora conditions. "Your own traditional way of life," I said to Rabbi Porush, "even though you, yourself, have lived in Jerusalem for so long, is essentially a Diaspora religion.

Rabbi Menachem Porush

"The traditional Jew of Poland or Spain could practice his religion only by virtue of the fact that the State was run by others. Joseph Caro, author of the Shulchan Arukh, who lived in Safed, could write his opening sentence – that one should rise early in the morning to greet his Creator with the vigor of a lion – only because the Turkish Pasha in Acco was taking care of police and other security measures so that Caro could sleep in peace and rise securely in the morning.

"Similarly," I said, "Orthodoxy in Israel today can pursue its Orthodoxy only because secular Jews take care of the business of the State. In that respect Orthodoxy, in a manner of speaking, still lives in galut. Some day," I ventured to say, "you too will have to be bold and tackle this problem. Judaism will not come alive for our time until you do, and when that day arrives we may have need neither for Orthodox nor Reform Judaism, but just for a Jewish way of life."

Surprisingly he agreed. "But," he said, "you have to understand that traditions are slow to change and memories are too strong." He said that he would like other Rabbis of the Agudah to share in such conversations and I promised that on my next journey we would arrange for a meeting of Reformers and Agudists. "We will not change each others minds," he said, "but at least we ought to listen to each other."

I hope to take the rabbi up on his proposals, and I hope it will be during the coming year.

Laughing at themselves is science breakthrough

By NECHEMIA MEYERS
CJN Israel Correspondent

REHOVOT, Israel –

The august and ordinarily rather humorless American Association for the Advancement of Science broke precedent at its recent annual meeting in Philadelphia by devoting an entire day to "Humor and Science". This was something of a personal triumph for one of the featured speakers, Prof. Alexander Kohn, a Polish-born Israeli virologist whose **Journal of Irreproducible Results** has for 17 years taught scientists how to laugh at themselves.

While the quarterly is now published in Chicago, because most of its 20,000 subscribers are Americans, it is still edited by Prof. Kohn, who in his spare time runs the Israel Institute of Biological Research in Nes Ziona, south of Tel Aviv.

Obscurantism in science, the subject of Prof. Kohn's Philadelphia discourse, has often been the target of JIR barbs. As Kohn defines it, scientific obscurantism is the art of publishing without revealing the significant results (if any) one has obtained. It, in turn, is divided into verbal and mathematical obscurantism, the latter being based on the misuse of mathematical symbols, or the substitution of these symbols for words when words are perfectly clear and sufficient for understanding. Mathematical obscurantism has the advantage of impressing all but mathematicians and, Prof. Kohn promises, they won't squeal because they don't understand the few words of basic English that precede the avalanche of signs.

One of the JIR's funniest sections contains extracts, taken verbatim, from research papers in more conventional journals. For example, it reprinted from the **The New York Journal of Medicine** the following advice for dealing with circumcision in adults: "The patient is admonished to confine the function of the operated appendage to micturition only for two weeks after the operations. After that period, if he is so, disposed, he may without pain expand its field of usefulness."

Other extraordinary examples of scientific insight, reproduced in the JIR, include:

"Development of hydro power in the desert of North Africa awaits the introduction of water . . . " (from **Nuclear News**) and

"The trouble with the poor is that they don't have enough money." (from a publication of the Harvard-MIT Joint Centre for Urban Studies).

Then there is the JIR's selection of real titles of scientific papers, titles which strain the imagination as to the contents of the papers themselves. Among recent examples are: "Bacteriological Studies on the Uncleanliness of Underwear"; "The Adaption of Monkeys to the Conditions of Moscow Suburbs"; "Freezing and Storage of Human Semen in 50 Healthy Medical Students"; and "Hazards to Go-Go Dancers from Exposure to 'Black Light' from Fluorescent Bulbs".

The JIR also carries original papers. One, on the history of scholarly publishing, went back to the Stone Age, when editors demanded that "all manuscripts be double-spaced and hacked on one side of the stone only."

While the Journal is now published in the U.S., it still pays due heed to specific Israeli problems. For instance, a contributor recently explained how Israel could easily solve her chronic shortage of fresh waster. All that was required was the construction of a pipeline from the Arctic to the Holy Land. Ice would be melted at the Pole and pumped to the desert through polystyrene foam pipes. In order to reduce construction costs, as well as to avoid enemy attacks, the lightweight conduit would have air spaces filled with helium so as to keep it permanently airborne.

This idea clearly puts its author, Dr. R. Donovick, in the running for substantial research grants and, no less important, the JIR's annual Ig-noble Prize.

Technion scientist explains his invention of measuring device

LONDON (JCNS) –

Newsmen at the recent press conference at the Haifa Technion about a new instrument for the identification and measurement of nuclear fuels were more intrigued by the Technion scientist behind the invention than by the neutron spectrometer itself which, many freely confessed, they could barely describe let alone explain. The instrument is being commercially produced and sold by the Haifa Technion for $10,000.

Most sat in stunned silence as Professor Shlomo Shalev reeled off at cracking pace the mechanics and fields of application envisioned for his device, clicking their pens to attention only when, grudgingly, he disclosed that behind the name Shalev lay his pre-Israel name, Scott.

Stewart Scott, the 36-year-old British-born son of a furrier, has been in Israel since 1961, joining the Technion's scientific staff shortly after taking his doctorate at Birmingham University.

He confesses to having had no Zionist background whatever, belonged to no Zionist clubs or youth organizations and worshipped in a manner which he describes as "religiously conservative" (the West London Reform Synagogue).

What brought him to Israel? He thinks a while before talking vaguely about the "lessons of history" a long-held belief that "this is the only country where one could feel at home."

His roots in Israel are sturdy ones – four children aged nine to three, all except the youngest bilingual. The three year old, after last year spent with father and mother in England on a Simon Marks Fellowship, is doggedly tied to English.

The professor's own links with England remain close – both his mother and sister (Barbara once the "JC" woman's page editor) live in Stratford-upon-Avon where his brother-in-law, Alan Joseph, runs a well-known company for the manufacture of coffee pots and similar ware.

He is also in constant touch with his old university, Birmingham, which he hopes will be involved in the further development of his spectrometer. Will the invention make him rich. He laughs. "What scientist ever got rich on the proceeds of his own invention?"

And when he's finished for the day with nuclear science, how does he relax? He smiles. With four young children?

'It is time to realize that missionaries represent a real threat to our youth'

Dear Editor:

I find it surprising that such open missionary activity as described in your recent article should go practically unnoticed by a majority of the Jewish community. Yet on the other hand, perhaps this is one of those unpleasant realities that we would rather ignore than have to face. It will be much more difficult to ignore the facts, however, now that they have been so flagrantly exposed.

I wonder what our community is going to do about these disturbing facts. It is time to realize that the missionaries represent a real threat to our youth, as many parents have been made aware when the problem hit their own homes, not to mention the anti-semitic attitude underlying any attempt to substitute Judaism as a religion by a better, "true" form of religion. Are we going to react constructively to these activities, or are we going to forget the whole matter until the next time an article is published to remind us of the problem? Can we afford the attitude of "It can't happen here?"

(Mrs.) Sonia Kaiser

Dear Editor:

I was interested to read Ben Kayfetz's criticism of what people are saying about the Kensington Market.

Believe it or not, Kensington Avenue was, at one time, a nice residential street for lower middle class people. Our family lived at No. 64, at the beginning of this century, sharing a house with the Solomon Naiman family. He was a custom tailor. Mrs. Naimon was the oldest sister of Mannie Lipman, who is now one of the leaders in the Israeli Bond Campaign.

There were many Anglo-Saxons living on that street and the Jewish people were just coming in. Across the road from us lived the Bregmans, the father of Dr. Ben Bregman, the dentist. Next door to us lived the Shulmans, the grandfather of NDP's Dr. Morton Shulman. At the corner of Kensington Ave. and Kensington Place, Shlomo Friedman opened a little ice cream parlor. He was the grandfather of Toby Robbins, the actress and the grandfather of Mrs. Ronald Bronsten.

In 1905, about a dozen Jewish immigrants, including my father, gathered at the home of Mr. Bregman to decide on the founding of the Mozirer Benefit Society, which is in existence today. My parents are buried on the Mozirer Cemetery on Roselawn Ave. which was purchased by that group of immigrants at the time.

There have been many waves of immigrants to Kensington Ave. since the beginning of the century. The original families moved away as new waves came in and their hers are now living in Forest Hill Village, in Willowdale, and in the Bayview area. In our day Yiddish was the language most frequently heard on the street and in the houses, and the newspapers were usually Yiddish papers from New York.

Henry Rosenberg

Dear Editor:

I am referring to an article in **The Canadian Jewish News**, May 12 issue, dealing with the summer camps operated by the Toronto Jewish Camp Council.

The article claims that these camps "are considered kosher by most Conservative authorities."

I do not know which authorities the author had in mind, but speaking for the only local Conservative authority in matters of kashruth, I would like to state most emphatically that we have no knowledge of kashruth observance in these camps. While I sincerely hope that kashruth would be observed by such camps, I must make it clear on behalf of the Conservative rabbinate that we do not maintain any kind of supervision over these camps and we therefore cannot consider them as kosher.

Rabbi Erwin Schild, President,
The Rabbinical Assembly, Ontario Region

Students at Israel's universities went on strike last week in protest against the proposed hike in tuition fees. A student examines strike notices on the bulletin board of Tel Aviv University. The national strike ended when Education Minister Yigal Allon promised to receive a student deputation to discuss the grievance. (Photo: Newsphot)

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Looking ahead

Anti-Zionism: nothing less than a veiled cover for anti-Semitism

By DR. STUART E. ROSENBERG

This weekly column is titled "Looking Ahead". Today, I am constrained to "look back" - in order to put certain future questions into perspective.

On December 4th, 1968, I was privileged to give the keynote address at the Negev Dinner honoring Philip Givens, Q.C., then M.P., now M.P.P.

I said then what few would then say, but which, by now, has become clear to most Jews - and many Christians, too.

What I had to say then brought forth all sorts of criticism - even from certain "Shah-Shah" Jewish types - and most especially from local editorialists. Letters of hate also came to me from many sides.

What did I say? And why is it important to re-state it, now? Not merely to "look back", but to know what to say and do, "looking ahead".

It is particularly important that we understand these questions today, since there can neither be Jewish self-understanding, nor true Jewish-Christian dialogue without knowing this very basic reality of Jewish spiritual existence.

In response to many, I am setting down here for the record and for future direction, some of those words I said about anti-Zionism being nothing less than a "veiled cover" for anti-Semitism:

"The destruction of Israel - which means, in essence, the destruction of the remnants of Hitler's Holocaust now on the soil of their patriarchal fathers, is part of a new design to annihilate the Jewish people, and not Israel alone. We must explain to Christians that they dare not make peace with anti-Semitism, they must realize what the Holocaust has meant to Christians - not only to Jews: the virtual dehumanization of the world.

"We must now explain that all of us jointly face a new moment in the history of anti-Semitism. We Jews must proclaim that we cannot allow others an option to say you can be a friend of the Jews and hate Israel. You cannot be a friend of your neighbours, the Jews, and fight Israel's survival by aiding and abetting those who would destroy us. You cannot have that option, because we will not give it to you.

"Perhaps this will explain to Christian friends why we felt so alone and hurt during the weeks of May, 1967. After the lightning war, I asked some of these friends why they stood aside, kept silent, and stayed aloof from our agony and travail during those harrowing weeks of Arab threats of destruction. The Land of Israel, and the people of Israel are indissolubly linked: they are one. Destroy the land and you destroy the people and its faith, perhaps, for all time.

"Christians need to come to terms, in this new moment of Jewish-Christian encounter, with this dimension of Judaism. It is not linked to any negative principle - neither anti-Soviet or anti-Arab feeling.

"If you want to know who is a Jew and what is a Jew, know that he is a man who loves the Land of Israel as his very own, for there his people gave voice to themselves as a teaching-nation and there they taught the world what it meant to believe. This is why we canot offer others the convenient option which some friends of mine in the Christian Chuches like to have, or others who are editors of newspapers or journals, moulders of public opinion - assorted men in high places. The option they would like is to be pro-Jewish and anti-Israel; it cannot be offered.

"You cannot help to destroy my people's land and its only secure future in the world to speak again as an authentic community with its own radiant and unique culture, and still think that you are capable of offering me friendship and consolation as a Jew."

Synagogue celebrates it's 50th

Rabbi Shlomo Goren

MONTREAL -

Shlomo Goren, chief rabbi of Tel Aviv, will be the featured speaker at a gala jubilee banquet which will take place on Sunday, June 4th, at the Young Israel Centre. The banquet will mark the 50th anniversary of the congregation's formation.

Jacob Lowy, general chairman of the jubilee celebrations, announced that a series of other religious, cultural, and social events will take place during May and June.

On Thursday, May 25 Dr. Immanuel Jacobovits, chief rabbi of the United Hebrew Congregations of the British Commonwealth, will deliver the Dr. Yaacov Herzog Memorial Lecture.

On Saturday, June 3, Young Israel will observe its jubilee Sabbath. The sermon will be delivered by Rabbi Harry J. Kaufman the spiritual leader of Young Israel.

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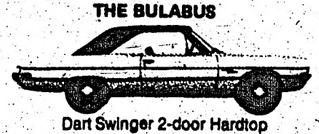

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Revenue Minister Allan Grossman (left) chats with Max Walerstein, Samuel Reichmann and Jack Weinbaum who provided the funds for the new Bais Yaakov Elementary School, at the school's dedication dinner last Tuesday. (CJN photo by Gadi Hoz.)

Emphasis on Torah at Bais Yaakov dinner

TORONTO –

The importance of teaching Torah was the theme of a dinner last Tuesday dedicating the new $500,000 Bais Yaakov Elementary School on Stormont Ave.

Rabbi Meyer Berglas, who served as master of ceremonies told the gathering of 200 contributors that there are two blessings from the Almighty. "The first is to get the blessing and the second is to be able to use it properly."

He went on to praise the school's founders for creating a setting in which a true generation of Jewish wives and mothers would be raised.

Ontario Revenue Minister Allan Grossman told his audience that the Canadian Jew has a dual existence.

"We carry an English name and a Hebrew name; we learn secular studies and Torah studies and we are loyal to Canada and loyal to Israel. Fortunately they do not conflict," he said.

Bais Yaakov's mathematics consultant, Abraham Perlman, speaking for Mrs. Millicent Drebin, the school's principal, said Bais Yaakov has no separate English department and no Hebrew department. "We have a children's department which teaches the whole child," he said.

Perlman emphasized that careful planning and the best methods and materials are employed by Bais Yaakov because the children carry a double academic load. The children's teachers must also be able to understand the girls and their families so that their learning will be relevant to their background.

Guest speaker Irving Bunin, author of Ethics from Sinai, stated that the teaching of Torah is the world's greatest asset.

"A great American president once said that Hebraic Judaism is the cement of American civilization," he remarked.

He said the yeshivos and Bais Yaakov schools teach not only the required secular subjects but ethics as well.

"Not only do we teach our children not to steal but we teach them not to cheat in business or charge usury. . . . We teach them not only not to murder but not to embarass people, and we teach them to honor their parents by not contradicting them," he said.

He went on to say that day schools teach their students to support education out of committment to Torah.

Three contributors, Samuel Reichmann, Max Walerstein and Jack Weinbaum, who provided the funds for the new school, were honored at the dinner. Their achievements were praised by all the speakers.

Grossman, who spoke earlier, unveiled a plaque to be put on the cornerstone of the new building. On behalf of Premier William Davis, the cabinet minister congratulated the new school and wished it well.

Grossman pointed out that the first nation in the Near East to give full freedom to women – including Arab women – was Israel.

Alert baby responsive to others

today's child

By HELEN ALLEN

This alert baby is David, eight months old. He is a long, sturdy boy with grey-blue eyes, brown hair and fair skin. His ancestry is French, Austrian and Roumanian and it is hoped a Jewish home will be found for him.

David is a lovable, cuddly, bright baby who has met all his milestones either normally or early. Nearly two months ago he started walking around his playpen. David waves bye-bye, throws kisses and holds out his arms to be picked up. He obviously delights in the company of other children.

Observant David recognizes people and is always responsive to any advances. His foster mother says he has mastered a few words and that he repeats sounds.

This is perhaps surprising because David was born with a significant hearing loss. The forecast is that he will suffer from "severe to profound deafness". He has already been fitted with a hearing aid and it is hoped this will help to circumvent the frustrations a young child must feel when he cannot communicate with people.

David's general health is good. He loves his food and eats well. He has eczema which is easily controlled by medication. David is what is often called a "good" baby – happy, contented, seldom out of sorts. Academic achievement is noteworthy in his background.

This little darling needs parents who will be able to give him love and help to develop his real potential in spite of his handicap. His home should be in an area where there are educational facilities for the deaf, and it would be best if he were the youngest in the family.

To inquire about adopting David, please write to **Today's Child, Box 888, Station K, Toronto.**

Harris heads Bonds

MONTREAL –

D. Lou Harris, prominent Toronto businessman and community leader, will succeed the late Samuel Bronfman as national president of the State of Israel Bonds Organization it was announced at the annual meeting of the organization.

Harris has been Canada's national chairman of Israel Bonds since the organization was established here in 1955. He is also national chairman of the joint committee of Canadian Jewish Congress and Candian Council of Jewish Welfare Fund federation, national chairman of the Canadian Technion Society and national chairman of Canadian ORT.

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3. Report of Constitution Committee *
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Appointment of Auditors
6. Approval of Acts of Directors
7. Report of Nominations Committee
8. Report of Executive Director
9. Report from Chairman, Planning and Development Committee
10. Any other business

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REFRESHMENTS

*The Constitution Committee will present for approval the following:

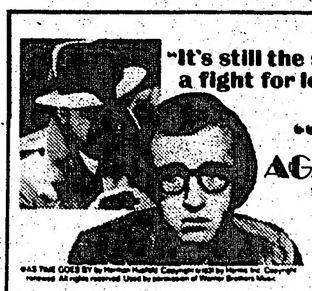
a) By-Laws No. 1, 2 and 3 for the Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care, being by-laws dealing with the organization and operation of the Corporation and indemnification of the Directors thereof.

b) An amendment to By-Law No. 1 of each of The Jewish Home for the Aged, Baycrest Hospital, Baycrest Day Care Centre and Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care by adding to the existing clause re: Term of office of Officers the following: "This restriction on re-election or re-appointment shall not apply to the position of Honorary Counsel or to the Honorary Officers."

c) An amendment to By-Law No. 1 of each of The Jewish Home for the Aged, Baycrest Hospital and Baycrest Day Care Centre by adding to the section dealing with membership a provision that membership in any one of the said Corporations or the Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care shall be deemed to be membership in each of the Corporations.

Copies of the above will be available at the office of the Corporations 3560 Bathurst St., Toronto, prior to the Annual Meeting.

GERALD KROLL, Q.C.,
Secretary.



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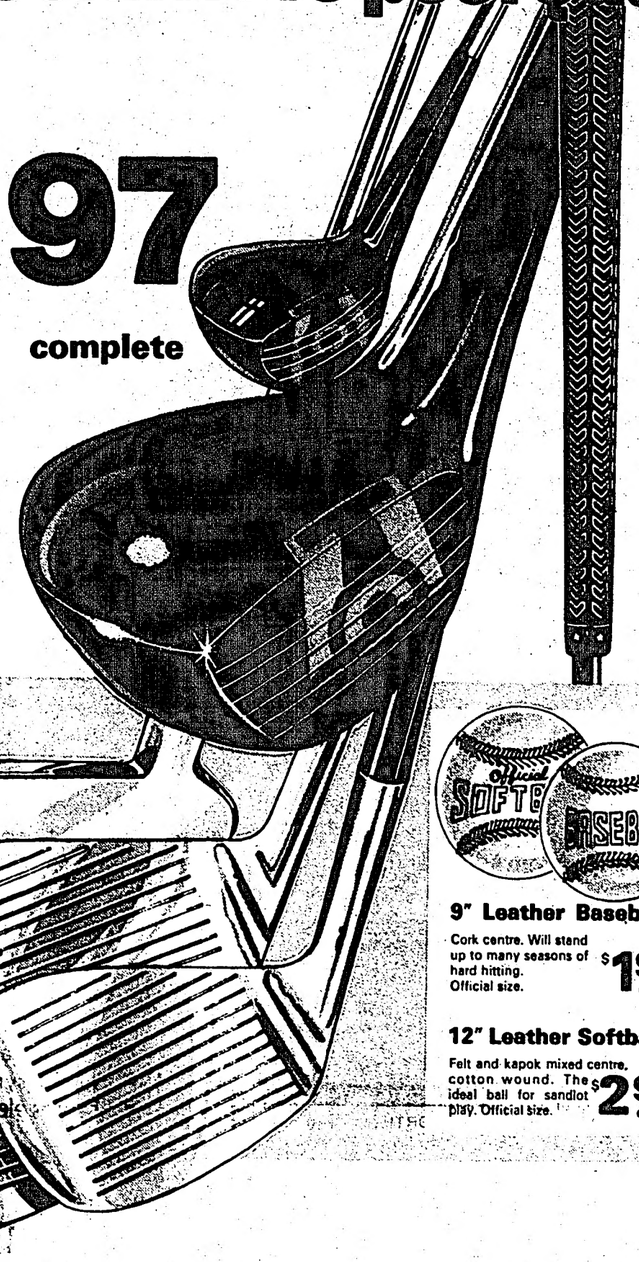

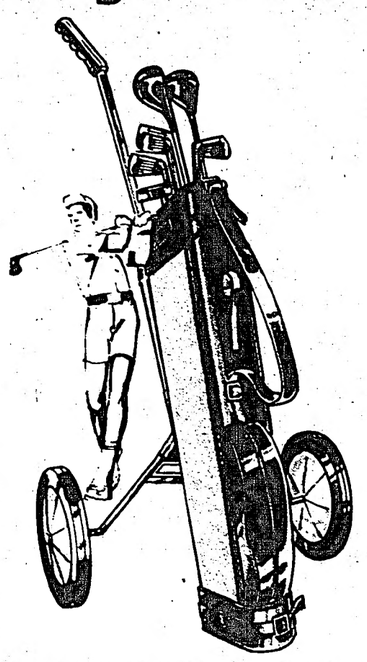

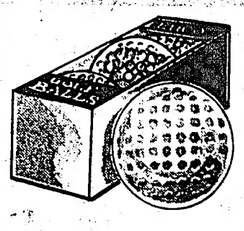

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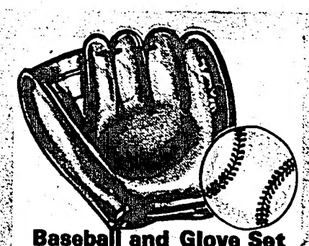

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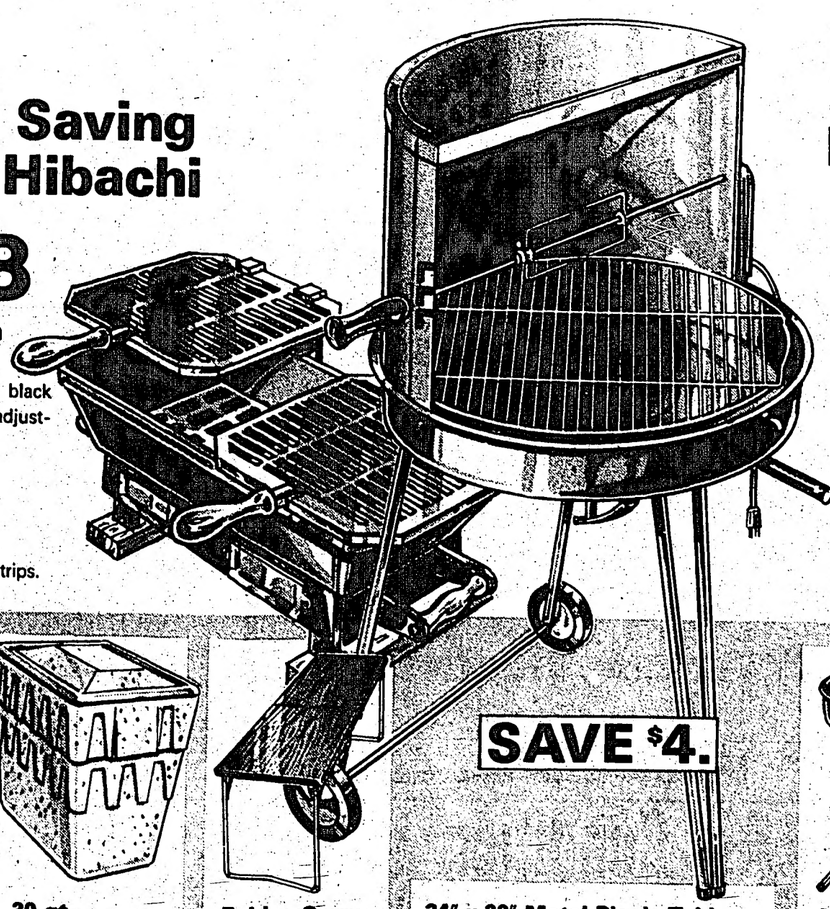

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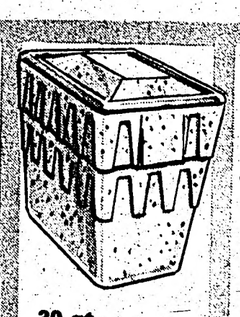

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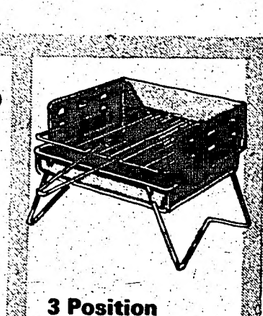

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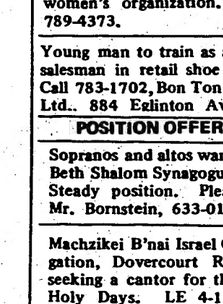

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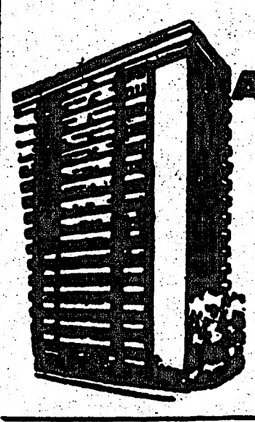

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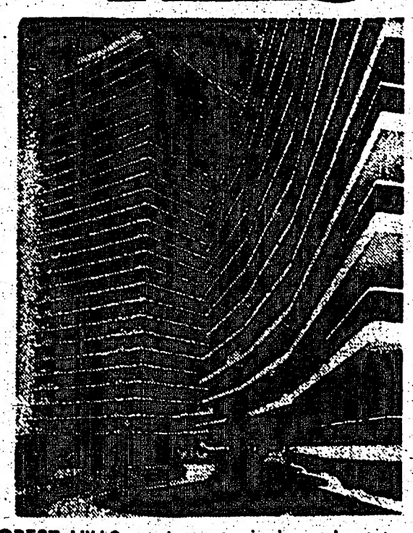

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Dean of aviation recalls early days

By MARK MEDICOFF
CJN Quebec Bureau Chief

MONTREAL -
The last international airline to leave Israel immediately preceeding the Six Day War, and the first airline to return to the state at its conclusion, was Swissair. The Israeli-oriented policy of this world-wide communications network can be largely attributed to one man, Dr. Bernard Weinert.

After a 42-year absence, Dr. Weinert paid a visit to Montreal recently to renew old acquaintances on behalf of Swissair, on the last leg of his eight city tour of the world.

Born in Zurich in 1898, Dr. Weinert later went on to study Zionism for his doctorate dissertation during a time "when all the available books were being used by my professor in order to prepare for my subject."

After graduating in 1924, the Israeli dean of aviation tourism travelled throughout Europe working as a journalist until he was approached by the Zionist movement in Zurich to aid refugees leaving Germany for Palestine.

"Of course this was before the war," he said, "and immigrants wanted to go to Palestine because of their Zionist convictions. At the time, people were only playing with the idea of going to Palestine, but the first big push came after Hitler's burning of the synagogues. By then, of course, for the large majority, it was too late."

In 1936, Dr. Weinert left Switzerland for the British mandated Palestine as the Swiss trade commissioner, remaining in that capacity for 10 years.

In 1947 - the year he joined Swissair - he began a four-year term as honorary Swiss Consul in Tel Aviv. To this day Dr. Weinert boasts of his diplomatic credentials.

At that time Swissair carried one weekly Tel Aviv-Zurich flight with 44 available seats. Today, the run has become one of the largest in Europe, with 10 weekly flights, carrying 60,000 passengers back and forth each year from Israel.

"We care about the Jewish travelling public," Dr. Weinert said, "which is one reason why we have specially supervised kosher food served on our planes." The airline also supplies a list of kosher eating establishments in Europe, and will soon issue an agenda of Israeli sports events taking place in Europe.

Charles A. Cadieux

Bonds honor Catholic

TORONTO -
Charles A. Cadieux, prominent Catholic businessman, has been awarded the first Jerusalem Scroll and Medallion for his work in promoting the sale of State of Israel bonds.

Vice-president of F. W. Woolworth Co. Ltd. and general manager of Woolco department stores in Canada, Cadieux received the award at the first International Inter-Faith Testimonial Dinner at the Inn-on-the-Park last week.

Pope Paul had recently elevated Cadieux to Knight of the Grand Cross, highest rank in the laity. Earlier this year Cadieux was the only non-Jew invited by Israel Prime Minister Meir to take part in an economic conference in Jerusalem attended by 150 Jewish leaders from around the world.

Nathan Rapoport to visit Toronto

TORONTO -

Nathan Rapoport

World famous artist and sculptor Nathan Rapoport, creator of the Warsaw Ghetto Memorial Monument in Warsaw, will be a guest in Toronto on June 21.

Nathan Rapoport comes to Toronto from Israel, where he recently completed the most impressive Scroll of Fire Memorial, a 16-ton, 26-foot high monument depicting the Holocaust, which stands today in the Judean Hills of Jerusalem, a gift of the B'nai Brith World Organization.

The sculptor, whose memorials in stone, marble and bronze have impressed the Jewish tragedy upon the conscience of the world, will appear at a public rally at the Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue. The Toronto community, for the first time, will have the opportunity to welcome and honor a great artist who has dedicated his post-war life to perpetuating the memory of the six-million Jewish heroes and martyrs who lost their lives in the dark days of the Nazi occupation of Europe.

Rapoport, a modest man who ordinarily shuns the limelight, will for the first time impart to a Toronto audience the ideas and motifs that underly his monumental compositions.

B. D. Rose is elected to board of Appeal

By MAURICE LUCOW

TORONTO -
Only through volunteer organizations such as the United Appeal can the talents, energies and the sensitivities of the best people in our society be brought to bear on the massive social problems faced by Canadians, according to W. Darcy McKeough, Ontario minister of intergovernmental affairs.

Speaking at the annual meeting of the United Community Fund of Toronto, which makes allocations to eight Jewish community agencies, McKeough said the United Appeal "provides a basic reaffirmation of the values and strengths that exist, on a volunteer basis, within our society."

Noting that the Metropolitan Toronto United Appeal has not met its objectives in the last two campaigns, the minister urged the 78 member agencies not to talk about pulling out. "This is not the year nor the campaign to talk about splintering," he said. "It is most emphatically the year to close the gap . . . there is no question it is more and more difficult for the United Appeal to meet its objectives, but this is the year it must be done. The job before you is a bigger one than has ever been laid before you in the history of the campaign."

The eight Jewish agencies, which receive a total of about $800,000 from the United Appeal, are: Baycrest Day Care Centre, Council of Jewish Social Service Agencies, Jewish Family & Child Service, Jewish Home for the Aged, Jewish Vocational Service, Mothers and Babes Summer Rest Home, Toronto Hebrew Re-Establishment Services, YM-YWHA.

Barrie D. Rose was elected for a three-year term to the board of trustees. Other representatives of the Jewish community already serving on the board include Morris Latchman, Dr. Albert Rose, Ray D. Wolfe, Rabbi W. G. Plaut, A. Posluns and Harry L. Wolfson.

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